

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. The foregoing amendments are responsive to the October 20, 2008 Office Action. Applicants respectfully request entry of the requested amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following comments.

Response to the Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claims 2-8, 11-13, 15, 18-22 and 29-33, 35 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,914,695 issued to Walters, et al in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0162497 to Curtiss et al. and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 7,305,254 issued to Findikli. The rejection asserts that Walters allegedly teaches each element of the claims except automatically the peripheral device and the resident interface being identified as the resident program, which is allegedly taught by Curtiss and Findikli.

The claims are directed toward mapping a resident program to a peripheral device, either by identifying the peripheral device or if the device cannot be identified, then by determining the communication protocol specified by the peripheral device. Each of the independent claims is amended herein to require if the peripheral device is identified “automatically mapping from the identified peripheral device to a corresponding one of said resident programs” and if the peripheral device is not identified “determining a communication protocol of said peripheral device, wherein *the determined communication protocol is used to automatically map to a corresponding one of said resident programs.*” Thus, the peripheral device is *automatically mapped to a resident program* by either the identity of the resident device, or lacking a proper identity, determination of the communication protocol of the resident device.

None of the cited art teaches or suggests using a determined communication protocol to automatically mapping a corresponding program. The office action admits this is not taught by Walters and Curtiss. The action states that Findikli teaches automatically mapping to a resident program in Figure 2. However, Findikli only discusses the accessory transferring a software program to the mobile device. There is no teaching or suggestion in Findikli of identifying a peripheral device and then automatically mapping the peripheral device to a resident software program. Findikli is simply concerned with transferring software from an accessory and then verifying the authenticity of that software. Because Findikli transfers the software, it cannot be referring to a *resident* program. Only the present invention teaches determining the communication protocol and then automatically mapping a resident program based on the results of that communication protocol.

In view of the foregoing distinctions, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 29, 33 and 35-36 are patentably distinguished over the cited art. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 29, 33 and 35-36 are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 29, 33 and 35-36.

Claims 2-8, 11-13, 15, 18-22, and 30-32 depend either directly or indirectly from one of the independent claims. Each dependent claim further defines the independent claim from which it depends. In view of the foregoing remarks regarding Claims 29, 33 and 35-36, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-8, 11-13, 15, 18-22, and 30-32 are likewise in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request allowance of dependent Claims 2-8, 11-13, 15, 18-22, and 30-32.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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